

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update July 9 - July 17



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To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

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Church Closures

Please turn your radio dial to WPEL 96.5 FM. We will announce any closure of our church service on that station.

View from the Pulpit:

Wednesday was the feast of the visitation of the blessed Virgin Mary in which Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth who is also pregnant (with John the Baptist). When Elizabeth sees Mary, she expresses her wonder that the mother of the Lord has come to see her. Mary is overcome with joy and sings a great song of praise, the Magnificat which means, my soul magnifies the Lord..

She says how the Lord is great, and her spirit is rejoicing in the news that has come from the angel Gabriel. She extols the depth of her faith and through her words we can surmise that she has been raised in a devout Jewish family and she believes in the God of her ancestors. She speaks of how the Lord has looked upon his lowly servant with favor and that because of his blessing upon her she will be exalted for generations to come.

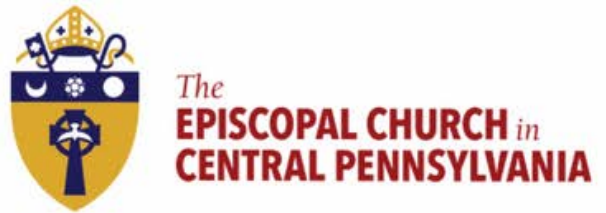
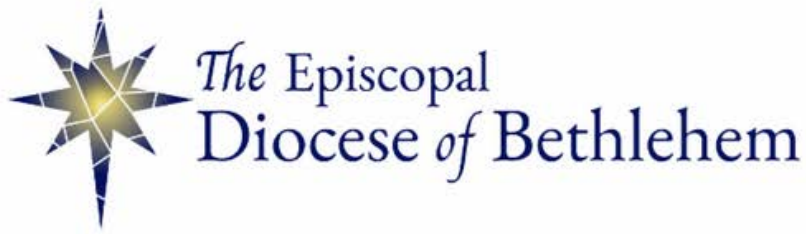
She speaks of the wonderful things done for her ancestors, for her, and for all who believe. She recognizes God's mighty deeds and mercies given to the people of Israel. While she may be nervous about her situation, she knows that God is in control.

Finally, she speaks of how God has scattered the proud, exalted the lowly and fed the hungry with good things. He has used a poor young girl to bring the greatest gift to mankind. Our worth is not in our bank accounts but in the manner in which we share our blessings with those in need.

So let us, like Mary, have faith. Trust in our God. Remember that no matter what the circumstance, God has everything and everyone in his hands. May we strive to imitate the heart and mind of Mary in every situation.

I've had a request to remind folks of my office hours. I usually work Tuesday through Thursday, however, occasionally I need to shift days due to pastoral or ecclesiastical concerns. I am regularly at the church on Wednesdays. The best time of day to stop by is between 10:30-3 as both Kate and I are on site. It's always a good idea to call ahead to check on my availability so as not to have to wait for me to finish up with someone else or worse yet waste a trip into town.

-Mother Liz



The Reunification Discernment Committee wants to hear from you! In July, the Committee will be hosting an initial round of Listening Sessions and distributing an online survey for input. The Listening Sessions will be held via Zoom and open to lay and clergy members of both dioceses.

Your input is critical to this discernment. Know that in addition to these opportunities, there will also be others through which you can offer your thoughts and questions as we move through this discernment process.

Please register for one of these upcoming (Zoom) sessions via these links:

Saturday, July 8, 10:00 a.m.: [click here](#).

Thursday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.: [click here](#).

(If the link does not work in the Weekly Newsletter, please refer to corresponding information in the email.)

The sessions will be facilitated by members of the Discernment Committee and will last for one hour.

View from the Pew:

Early last month, my family embarked on a trip to San Diego and will be finally arriving home this Saturday. My wife and I, daughter, and two grandchildren drove out and the rest flew. What an appropriate time of year to drive and really appreciate the beauty and grand scale of this country. Virtually coast to coast, we passed through 11 states, seeing the Grand Canyon and Horseshoe Bend, both which are canyons formed by the Colorado River; the flat prairie lands of the Midwest, finally culminating in the spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean. Even boarding the USS Midway, a retired aircraft carrier, the smells of which brought back immediate memories of seagoing Navy days.

Happy Independence Day to all. What a great 247 year old tradition this national holiday has become. This land transitioned from a group of rebel immigrants and native inhabitants to a country of patriots and citizens. It has not, however, been without its hardships along the way - through civil war, protests both violent and nonviolent, marches, two world wars, and various other armed conflicts. Some agree and some disagree, but the common denominator here is our freedoms that we have been granted to be able to be on either side of the equation, within limits.

Independence comes in various forms: children growing up and becoming independent from their parents (sometimes too soon before they're really ready); new nations throwing off the reigns of tyranny, and the oppression of oligarchies, authoritarianism, and dictatorships. Here's hoping that Ukraine along with the help of enough of everyone else will continue to prevail.

May God bless us all!

- John Warriner

We would love for you to be included!

Article submissions (photos, community news items, or a personal or faith story) are due every Wednesday. This is YOUR newsletter, and all congregants are invited to share their stories and photos. Please email your items to Kate at stpaulsmontrose@epix.net or John Warriner at jdwarri@me.com; post an item to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 276 Church St. Montrose, PA 18801 on Facebook; or drop a note in the offering plate.

Sundays Service

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Readings for this Week:

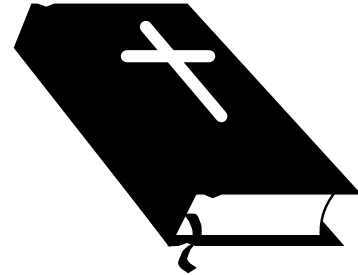
First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38,
42-49, 58-67
Psalm: 45: 11-18
The Epistle: Romans 7:15-25a
Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski
Altar Guild: Nancy Dooling
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Lector: John Warriner
Organist: Cathy Hammons

This week's Hymns:

Come down, O Love divine
Just as I am, without one plea
Lord of all hopefulness
Lord dismiss us



This week's Gospel according to: Matthew

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

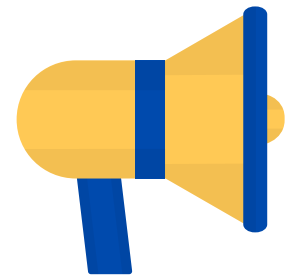
'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Happenings and Announcements



Soup Night Change Up

Since the 4th of July falls on the first Tuesday this year, we will be moving Soup Night to the second Wednesday of this month, July 12th. We will still need some extra hands and some soup makers if you're up for the challenge! This month's Soup will be Cheeseburger and Cream of Potato.

We hope to see you there!



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Ellen Ely, Rev. Janet Watrous, Edward, Victor, Ralph Bunnell.

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact:

You can call the parish office during office hours. After hours, call Mother Liz 212-222-8109.



This Month's Birthdays:

Janet Kuhn 7/9, Maggie Sock 7/15, Stephanie Calby 7/25



This Month's Anniversaries:

There are no anniversaries this month. If you would like your anniversary or birthday to be added to our list, please call/email Kate in the office.

Our thanksgivings:

We give thanks for those who celebrate their birthdays this week. O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. Amen.

We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. Grant o God, in your compassion, that those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week may live out the covenant they have made. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love, and come at last to the eternal joys, which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with them this day and forever. Amen.

Last Week's Service and Events

LAST SUNDAY – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost – July 2nd.

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation,
by water and the Word;

The live-streamed July 2nd 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Announcements were by Lynne Graham and Nancy Dooling read as lector. Our organist was Cathy Hammons whom we welcomed back from Gettysburg with open arms. The service included four hymns. As you know, our live-streamed services can be watched live or any time on YouTube. Just go to our webpage and hit the red button.

from heav'n He came and sought her
to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her,
and for her life He died.



JULY 4TH EDITION

July 4th Community Breakfast at St. Paul's

Our July 4th Breakfast was a hit. From breaking 35 dozen eggs the night before, to setting out the sign at 6:20, to tasting the first sausage, to feeding over 200 people plus our helpers, we had a successful event! The numbers included 30 volunteers, 45 dozen eggs, 13 pounds of pancake mix, 450 sausages, 6 gallons of orange juice, 3 gallons of milk, gallons of coffee, and 20 bags of trash. We were steadily busy for over two hours of serving. Even the torrential rains didn't deter us. We want to sincerely thank everyone that helped.





EARLY JULY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August."

